

CATOCALA HERODIAS STRECKER,  
AT LAKEHURST, N. J.

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Two specimens of this species of *Catocala* were captured at Lakehurst in July, 1902, by Mr. Louis H. Joutel and Mr. Wm. T. Davis, as recorded in this JOURNAL for June, 1903, page 112. Though the insect has been much sought for at Lakehurst since that time, none has been captured.

It was my good fortune to detect two larvæ of this *Catocala* among the top-most branches of scrub oaks (*Quercus nana*) at the place above mentioned on the twenty-fourth of May, 1909. The weather was wet and cool, which may have some bearing on the larvæ having been found in the position described. They so closely resembled in color, etc., the slender branches of the oak on which I found them that they appeared to be excrescences of the branch itself and I called Mr. Davis to show him the malformation. It was not until we had touched it that we were aware we had to do with a larva. I took these larvæ home and, while both reached the pupal stage, one died. The healthy one pupated June 1 and emerged July 6.

Now that the food plant is definitely known, other specimens of this rare insect can, no doubt, be collected more easily.